

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A wiper blade for cleaning motor vehicle windows, ~~comprising~~ having a wiper strip (12), wherein said wiper strip which is held by a support bracket system (10) and is encompassed by a laterally closed protective profile (14, 22, 24), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the protective profile (14, 22) is closed in the longitudinal direction (38, 40) on at least one end by a cover (16, 18, 20), ~~which~~ wherein said cover can be used to open and close the protective profile (14, 22), and wherein the cover is positioned on a front side on the protective profile.

2. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the protective profile (14) is closed with two covers (16, 18).

3. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover (16, 18, 20) rests against the wiper strip (12).

4. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cover (20) has two closing surfaces (28, 30) and has a symmetry axis (26) lateral to the longitudinal direction (38, 40).

5. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to the preamble of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the protective profile (22, 24) is closed in the longitudinal direction (38, 40) on at least one end by a projection (32, 34, 36) that is directed inward, lateral to the longitudinal direction (38, 40).

6. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the projection (32, 34, 36) is let into a first side wall (42, 44) of the protective profile (22, 24).

7. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein between the projection (34) and a second side wall (46), the protective profile (24) has a gap (48), ~~which~~ wherein said gap can be used to guide the wiper strip (12) with a wiper lip (132) during installation and removal.

8. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the length (50) of the projection (34) decreases toward the window and the gap (48) is embodied as approximately uniform in width.

9. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the longitudinal direction (38) toward the end face (54), the projection (34) has a bevel (56), which is inclined inward in the

longitudinal direction (40) and deflects the wiper lip (132) of the wiper strip (12) toward the gap (48) during installation.

10. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the longitudinal direction (40) toward the inside, the projection (34) has a bevel (58), ~~which~~ wherein said bevel is inclined outward in the longitudinal direction (38) and deflects the wiper lip (132) of the wiper strip (12) toward the gap (48) during removal.

11. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inwardly inclined bevel (56) is flatter than ~~the~~ an outwardly inclined bevel (58).

12. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the protective profile (24) has two projections (34, 36) whose distance (60) from each other is equal to the length (62) of the wiper strip (12).

13. (currently amended) A method for producing a wiper blade according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the protective profile (22, 24) is made of plastic and the projection (32, 34, 36) is produced with an ultrasonic source.